## 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Museum <u>Vehicle Data Sheet</u>

Vehicle:

M3A1, Half Track

Location:

Museum Vehicle Pad # A8

Paint:

Enamel, Lusterless, OD 33070 Enamel, Gloss, White 17925

Markings:

A 20 inch white star is on both sides of the rear bed centered. A 15 inch star is centered on the back of the bed. A 20 inch star is centered on the front. A 36 inch star is centered on the top of the hood. Bumper numbers and letters are not to exceed three inches. See attached diagram.

Serial Number: 28286

Bumper Number: 1C - 302R - B9

## Historical Background: (Information below is to be used for future signage in front of artifact)

The M3A1 Half Track was produced between the years of 1941 and 1944 by the White Motor Car factory and the Diamond T Motor Company. This vehicle originally had a pedestal mounted .50 caliber machinegun that was later eliminated and refitted with a circular ring mounted .50 caliber machinegun and two .30 cal machine guns. It was referred to as the Army's "Maid of All Work" because it was used as an ambulance, weapons carrier, cargo carrier, and had many other uses. It had a three man crew and could carry ten personnel in the troop compartment. After World War II the United States military downsized and the surplus of half tracks were sold or given to a number of friendly countries.

## **Vehicle Characteristics:**

Length:

18 ft

Width:

6 ft

Height: Weight:

6 ft 4 tons

Speed:

45 mph

Fuel:

60 gal

Range:

175 miles

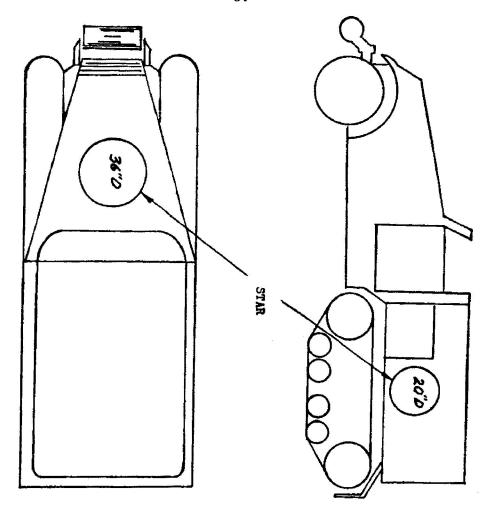
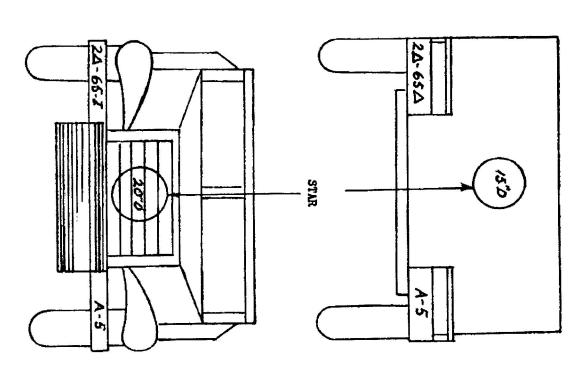


FIGURE 32.—Half track.



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